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C O M M E N T

The setting up of a special UFO investigation in the U.S.A., under Dr Edward Condon, caused much enthusiasm in ufological circles and, no doubt, much amazement among the ranks of scientific orthodoxy.

Just what do we expect of this investigation? Anyone who expects an unequivocal statement that the UFOs are interplanetary spacecraft is surely being a little naive, to say the least. After all, ufologists, both amateur and professional, have laboured for twenty years to find a universally acceptable answer to the UFO mystery. So far, they have not succeeded.

There seems to be no reason to believe that this group will make a spectacular breakthrough. Therefore, nobody should be surprised if they eventually issue a rather noncommittal statement - probably urging further investigation.

The best we can hope for, as amateurs, is that the members of the team will be able to suggest ways in which we can best help the professionals. If they do this and if their report receives wide acceptance among scientists, then perhaps the quality of amateur research will be improved by an influx of people who, up to now, have been put off by the bizarre nature of the subject.

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

From: Dr J.CLEARY-BAKER

Dear Mr Harney,

It is the business of the National Advisory Council to investigate the antecedents of groups applying for admission to BUFORA. The National Executive Committee would certainly not ignore any recommendation made by the Council in such a case. I can recall instances in which applications for Member-Society status have been rejected.

Applicants for individual membership of BUFORA profess themselves in sympathy with its Aims. There is no reason why their applications should be rejected unless someone on the Committee is aware of circumstances which might be held to disqualify them for membership.

UFO-research IS a strange and unusual subject and I doubt that it would be either desirable or practicable to apply any kind of 'test

For example, I should consider advocacy of Ray Palmer's Hollow Earth Theory highly heterodox but I would not attempt to bar anyone who espoused the Theory from membership of the Association. I would, however, oppose the admission of an applicant who regarded UFOs as angelic messengers heralding the coming of the Last Days and who described Dr Menzel as the False Prophet and Alan Sharp as Behemoth The-Beast-of-the-Waters!

--- J. Cleary-Baker, Ph.D., 3 Devenish Road, Weeke, Winchester.

LANDING REPORTS

OHIO, U.S.A. - Cheshire.

December 8th ~~November 11~~ 1966.

never seen before, he said.

going to and from the object.

of the time.

vanished.

a similar description south of there at about 0500 the same morning.

area in November and December, 1966.

(Credit: OAPRO Bulletin, January 1967. Source- "The Messenger", Athens, Ohio, December 12th, 1966.)

FRANCE Chapelle-Taillefert (Creuse)

19th March, 1967

Members of a family called Thomasson and another witness saw at 0200 (approximately) a very luminous, sort of cigar-shaped object, which landed.

(Credit: Phenomenes Spatiaux, March, 1967)

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"Little Man" report from Valensole

According to a report from M. Francois Peyregne, writing in the March, 1967, issue of "Phenomenes Spatiaux," five persons in a farm undergoing repairs on the Valensole plateau had an encounter with a strange being, similar to those described by M. Masse.

The incident took place in January, 1967. The five witnesses are said to have surprised the creature in an empty room at the farm. The being was said to be wearing a beard. They tried to catch it, but something like an invisible force made it slip from their hands. It escaped through a window and disappeared during a chase in the fields. The witnesses insisted on anonymity.

BUFORA NORTHERN CONFERENCE 1967

The BUFORA Northern Conference will take place on Saturday, November 4th, 1967, at the Central Hall, Renshaw Street, Liverpool, 1.

Conference Co-ordinator:- Mr R.D.Hughes, 86 Trouville Road, Liverpool, 4.

MUFORG NEWS

Officers for 1967-8

At the Group's Annual General Meeting, held on April 19th, Officers elected were as follows:-

Chairman	A. Rawlinson
Vice-Chairman	A. J. Draper
Secretary	R. D. Hughes
Assistant Secretary	S. Davies
Treasurer	Miss M. P. Black
Minutes Secretary	J. Harney
Astronomy Secretary	A. J. Draper
Librarian	Miss I. Imery
Committee Members	R. Donnelly, C. Hardy, G. T. Woods.

Criticisms of BUFORA

A letter from Mr T. Whitaker, on behalf of the Halifax Branch of BUFORA, is published in the latest issue of BUFORA Journal. The letter sets out a list of suggestions for future procedure at BUFORA Annual General Meetings. These suggestions are very constructive and, if carried out, should ensure that no member who attends the meeting will feel that he has wasted his train fare. This letter was previously circulated to BUFORA affiliates for comment. It was read out and discussed at a recent MUFORG meeting and received unanimous approval.

Note: Membership of MUFORG does not include membership of BUFORA. Prospective members should apply to the ~~Membership~~ General Secretary, Mr M. C. Holt, B.A., Bramhall, Claremont Road, Claygate, Surrey.

Raffles It was decided at the A.G.M. that raffles will be held at MUFORG meetings to raise money for the Group. Members are invited to donate suitable prizes.

Future Meetings

All meetings are held at 2 Alfred Place, (off Park Road), Dingle, Liverpool, 8. Meetings commence at 8.0 p.m. Meetings in the near future will be held as follows:-

Wednesday, May 17th	- General Meeting
Wednesday, May 31st	- Informal Meeting
Wednesday, June 14th	- General Meeting

Next Issue In the June issue we hope to publish reviews of two books, due to be published mid-May, by Neville Spearman. They are "The Warminster Mystery," by Arthur Shuttlewood and "The Scoriton Mystery," by Eileen Buckle. These two books promise to be controversial to say the least.

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